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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

A Free Lecture—

A free stereopticon show and lecture will be given in the Alderbrook Presbyterian church tonight at 8 o'clock, on the issues of the present campaign, by Rev. W. S. Gilbert.

Visit of Stork—

A fine son weighing 10 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Frye at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Both mother and child have been reported to be doing very nicely.

Police Court—

Three men under the influence of liquor were arrested yesterday and are being held at the jail, for the usual penalty of two days of confinement.

Gone To Rest—

Miss Lizzie Wainanen, age 23, a resident of Scow Bay, died yesterday. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon. The deceased leaves a brother.

Van Tuyl-Leinenweber—

Mrs. Mary Leinenweber, of this city, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Ida Eugenia Leinenweber to Mr. Richard Harry Van Tuyl; the wedding to take place early in June.

Examined Today—

Justice Brailier, of Seaside, will take judicial cognizance of the case against the man Smith charged with criminal assault upon a little child in that city a few days ago. The case is one that demands the closest scrutiny and is likely to get it at the hands of that officer.

To Children's Home—

Tomorrow evening Rev. Mr. Blessum, of this city, will leave for Poulsbo, Washington, taking with him the two little sons of E. Christiansen, whose wife died last week, and will place them in the goodly charge of the Orphans' Home of the Norwegian Lutheran Free Church, at that place.

As Counsel For Campbell—

Attorney John C. McCue, of this city, has been engaged as one of the counsel who will serve Michael Campbell in his defense before the law for the killing of John McClellan on Wednesday last at Deep River. It is likely that Henry E. McGinn, of Portland, will also be of counsel in this behalf.

Cruiser Due Here—

The United States cruiser Charleston, Captain Swinburne, commanding, is due to arrive in this port on Saturday next from San Francisco. This fine vessel will be one of the attractions at the great Rose Festival.

tival at Portland during the first week in June, and will share the honors paid the navy with the torpedo flotilla that will accompany her.

No Service Tomorrow—

Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, is at North Bend, Oregon, with P. J. Brix, of Astoria, and will be home sometime next week. There will be no services at the First M. E. Church tomorrow on this account. The travelers will, after closing their visit with Henry Hoeck, at North Bend, start for home via Salem where they will visit Williamette University for a day or so.

Order Vacated—

When the order in mandamus proceedings in relation to the local option petitions of precincts 2 and 3 of this city, was received here from Judge McBride, Judge Trenchard, in obedience thereto, summoned the county court in special session here on the 23rd of this month, today; but the recall of the peremptory writ by Judge McBride, acted to vacate the order so made, and there will be no session of the county court today, in that behalf, thought it may assemble for other and regular matters.

The Coming Ticket—

The electoral ticket which will be voted by the citizens of Clatsop county eight days hence at the June polls, will be 8 inches in width and 28 inches in length, or four inches longer than the ballot of 1906. It has not so many personal names upon it as it has amendments and referendum measures; but it is quite formidable and will take a long time to vote and to count, after it is voted.

To Inspect The Float—

C. W. Lamar and Dr. T. L. Ball, of the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the Astoria float in the Rose Festival at Portland, will leave tonight on the steamer Undine for the metropolis, where, at 10 o'clock tomorrow they will meet the artist who designed and built it, and will look the whole thing over. They will then report their findings to the committee here, and the probability is the car, which is reported on all

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sides to be one of the handsomest in the whole group just finished at Portland, will be accepted and the final steps will be taken to put it where it will do the most good for Astoria.

Interment Today—

All that was mortal of John McClellan, the victim of Wednesday's tragedy on Deep River, was despatched to his home in the Nasel yesterday morning by W. C. A. Pohl who accompanied the remains, and the funeral will take place this afternoon. Rev. Conrad Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of this city officiating. It is reported that friends of the dead man, from far and near, are flocking into the Nasel to be present at the ceremonies.

Narrow Escape—

While asleep in their boat which was drifting down with the tide, Albert Olson and Gust Buhaka, two fishermen who work for the co-operative Packing Company, narrowly escaped a serious accident, at the mouth of the river yesterday, when they awoke they were near No. 1 buoy they cast anchor but failed to catch, and they were on the very edge of the dangerous breakers, when the life crew from Cape Disappointment reached them and towed them back into safety which took quite a length of time owing to the powerful tide.

Colonel Roessler's Relief—

Col. S. W. Roessler, the government engineer in charge of the Columbia jetty-work, and other enterprises, in the Portland-Astoria district, is to be relieved on July 1st, next, by Major James F. McIndee, now at New Orleans, and said to one of the brightest of the younger engineers in the service of the government. The despatches indicate that Major McIndee has relatives in this city, and is quite anxious to come here; but who they are it has not been possible, as yet, to ascertain.

Gas And Oil Lands—

The Clatsop Fuel Company, the organization incorporated under the auspices of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, for the express purpose of organically and practically testing the lands and streams of this section for oil gas products, has secured leases upon over 5,600 acres of land in various parts of the county and will, at an early day, commence operations in this behalf. C. N. Sherman, the expert, who is now at Marshfield, is expected here very shortly, and will probably make the initial bores; the first tests to be made on Lewis & Clark lands quite close to the city.

Home From California—

Manager Lew Ogan, of the Astoria Clay Products Company, who has been on a visit to his old home, and business, in Tesla, California, returned to this city on the noon express yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Ogan and their three little daughters. Mr. Ogan has secured a comfortable home for his family near the new plant in Alderbrook and will set up his household goods at once. He reports that two experts in his business will arrive here on the State of California next Monday; and that the plant is to be visited shortly by one of the best known experts of France, who will make certain high-grade tests of his own at the local works. Mr. Ogan is very cheerful about the immediate and cheering prospects for the company, and intends to push things at the best pace possible.

A Mind Depressed—

Deputy Sheriff Arch McLean yesterday morning went to Knappa, in obedience to a summons there from interested citizens, to take care of an odd party, who insisted in sitting between the tracks of the A. & C. Railroad just when its trains were coming by. The officer found it to be a man who gave the name of Peter Carlson and who claimed to be an ex-miner. He has been in the Tacoma hospitals for some time past, and was headed for the Columbia river and Astoria where he hoped to enter the fisheries. The man intimated that he had been a defeated litigant in some railway cases, and seemed to have it in for that particular business. He was not insane, but was morbid and morose, and probably took delight in daring and bothering the trains and trainmen. He was brought to this city and was locked up pending an interview with County Judge Trenchard, who will decide what to do with him.

New Masonic Home—

"Evergreen Lodge, A. F. & A. M. (under dispensation)" is the present style and title of the new Masonic home set up at Seaside on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the grand officers of the Oregon Grand Lodge and of the officers and

DIED THURSDAY AT 11 P. M.

MAJOR GEORGE M. ROWE PASSES AWAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS—FUNERAL WILL BE HELD SATURDAY.

Major George M. Rowe, a resident of Seaside, and a former resident of this city, passed away at the St. Mary's Hospital, Thursday night, at 11 o'clock, after a short illness of pneumonia, the major was 77 years old, and was born in the State of Massachusetts, near Boston. His funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of Cushing Post, G. A. R., of which he was a member. The deceased was among the first to enlist in a New York regiment, and at the end of the Civil War was discharged as a major. He received a small pension from the government which was his only support in his old years. The major was unmarried.

members of Temple Lodge in this city, upon the plea and petition of the local brethren there. The beautiful ritual of the order in this solemn premise was fittingly employed and was profoundly enjoyed by all present; after which a banquet was discussed until a late hour and during which the fraters indulged the lore of the craft to their hearts' content. The officers of the new lodge are: A. H. Wilson, Worshipful Master; H. C. Anderson, Senior Warden; J. E. Dillian, Junior Warden; Fred H. Moore, Secretary; and W. S. Pyle, Treasurer. The lodge will receive its number of the roster of the Oregon jurisdiction, when its charter shall come down from the Grand Lodge.

For California This A. M.—

R. F. C. Astbury, ex-county surveyor of Clatsop, for the past nine years and a highly esteemed citizen of this city, departs on this morning's Portland express, for his new home, and business field, 3 1/2 miles south of Gold Hill, Oregon; where in the future he will give his undivided and skilful attention to the expert cultivation of his 100-acre apple orchard. This fine property has been in his possession for some time past and he has brought it to a high state of cultivation, and its 1200 full bearing trees are beginning to repay him handsomely for the care he has devoted to their culture. He intends to put out 1000 pear trees during the coming year, and will, in time, own one of the finest orchards in Southern Oregon. As it is, his Spitzbergen command the top-notch prices on the New York market along with the practical approval of the interested dealers in that critical field. Mr. Astbury is conscious of the fact that he leaves many warm friends in Astoria, and on many accounts, regrets his departure, but feels that he has something in that part of the State that cannot be neglected and desires to give it his own especial care and attention. All hands wish him unbounded success.

SUCCESS ASSURED.

The Astoria Amateur Athletic Association Meet.

At a meeting of the Astoria Amateur Athletic Association which was held at C. H. Abercrombie's office last evening, the club decided to accept plans submitted, for their quarters in the new Allen building, after directing a few slight changes which were agreed to. The club has leased the first two floors of the new structure for a period of five years with option, and work will commence on same at an early date. This new enterprise will be a great thing for Astorians, and we all wish it's success, the city has long been in need of just such an organization and with the capable people behind it, its success is assured.

Card of Thanks.

To all friends and neighbors who in any manner contributed to my comfort and aid, by act and sympathy, during the last illness, and death, of my beloved wife, I take this method of returning my profound thanks.

E. CHRISTIANSEN.

DONE BY DEED

Francis C. Wilson to Frank Melvin, lands in sections 4 and 6-5-9 W.; \$25. C. Wilson to same, same land; \$5. Frank Melvin and wife to Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Co., same land; \$30.

TO VISIT SCHOOLS.

Ladies of the Relief Corps Make Detail.

The Ladies of Cushing Post Relief Corps, will visit the Astoria public schools as follows at which time decoration day arrangements will be made:

Taylor School, May 28—Mrs. Gilbaugh, Mrs. Bastaband, Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. Mattson.

Adair School, May 28—Mrs. Leaboe, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ekstrom.

Shively School, May 29—Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Zeigler, Mrs. Staple, Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Hartwick.

Alderbrook School, May 28—Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Staples.

McClure School, May 20—Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Clinton, Miss Clinton, Mrs. Jophion, Mrs. Springer.

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PERSONAL MENTION

G. W. Simpson spent the night in Astoria at the Occident, and will leave for Portland on this morning's train.

Herbert Bradley of Portland is in town registered at the Occident.

C. S. Breton, of Portland, is in town, living at the Occident. He will go to Ilwaco this morning on a matter of business.

C. P. Miller and O. L. Craton, both from Portland are stopping at the Occident.

E. C. Kemp, a resident of Everett, Wash., is a visitor in this city, and a guest at the Merwyn.

Louis A. Kerwin, of Portland, arrived on the Friday morning train and is living at the Merwyn Hotel.

R. L. Wells, a regular visitor to Astoria, is registered at the Merwyn Hotel.

Mrs. P. W. Christensen returned last evening from Modesto, Cal., where she has been for the past two months for her health. While there she underwent an operation which was very successful and she comes back with her health fully restored.

Hon. David M. Dunne, of the Internal Revenue Department of Portland, was in the city yesterday on official business.

Hon. J. G. Megler came over from Altoona yesterday morning on matters of business and pleasure.

R. A. Abbott has returned from Portland and the State Republican (?) convention, and reports a pleasant season spent in traveling over the interesting roads of Multnomah county, in company with his brother, whom he had not seen for two score years, and who is now dwelling at the metropolis.

W. D. Skinner, G. F. A. of the O. R. & N. Company, who, with his wife has been doing Astoria and the battleship excursions, returned to the metropolis yesterday morning.

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RETURN OF L. A. SERVATIUS

The Dutch at Present Doing Bulk of Steel Business in South Africa, But American Steel is Being Investigated by the Authorities.

NEW YORK, May 22.—L. A. Servatius of New York has returned after a year's absence in South Africa, where he went to introduce American steel into that country.

"South Africa," said Mr. Servatius in an interview, "is at present in the throes of a financial depression that will only end when the people there learn that this country and all others are again on a sound footing, there will then be a boom there. The Dutch are at present doing a big steel business there but when I showed that the steel of this country was not only better than could be made anywhere else but that it could be laid down to them at a smaller cost, they looked into the matter and now Americans are making some headway there in the steel business."

"I have been going to the South African market for several years and find that every time I go I make better headway. The fence against which Americans falter is the 8 per cent export discount allowed the Dutch by the government for all material that is sent from the home market, while American steel has to pay a 3 per cent tax. Nevertheless, Americans are the power there now in many of the largest enterprises, and the country looks good to me for the continued advancement of American enterprise."

RUSSIAN HORRORS.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Alexis Smirnoff, a liberal journalist at St. Petersburg, has arrived in New York to study American economic conditions. He said to an interviewer that he did not desire to discuss the Russian situation for fear of exile but he said that half a million persons are now in exile and that 142,000 are in the Russian prisons. He declared that the true story of the horrors of Russian exiles has not half been told. As to the political situation he said that the duma is capitalistic and unpopular.

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